



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Leatrese J. HARRIS et al.

Confirmation No.: 3955

Serial No.: 09/939,714

Examiner: John M. Cooney

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Title: OPEN PORE BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.